

The PVRC Newsletter

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NEXT MEETING: Saturday, August 15, 1987, 2:00 p.m. - ? ?

QTH: Mike Colesante and Dave Pascoe's (directions last p.)

AGENDA: All drinks and food, featuring chicken, provided
Social Event (no business meeting)

Contests: Aug. 8-9: DARC European CW
(All Dates GMT) Aug. 22-23: JARL All-Asian CW
Sept. 5 & 6: 73 Magazine National CW & SSB
Sept. 12-13: DARC European SSB
Sept. 12-14: ARRL VHF
Sept. 13: Contest Journal N.A. CW Sprint

Election Meeting: September 14, Paint Branch High School, Silver Spring, MD

PVRC Fowlfest will be held on Saturday, August 15, beginning at 2 p.m. All food and drinks (chicken, salad, beer & soft drinks) will be provided for the single low price of \$7. per person. Spouses and friends particularly are welcome at this social event. Please bring chairs! Members of the National Capitol DX Association also will attend.

Volunteers are sought to help with the grilling. Also, for loan of a grill. If you can help, please call Mike (KC8C) at 630-5857 or Dave (KM3T) at 899-1235. The QTH is the same as last year, the K3ZO estate, currently inhabited by Mike KC8C and Dave KM3T. Directions are on the last page.

A tremendous round of thanks is due Mike and Dave. A lot of work goes into preparing and hosting the Fowlfest. Come, have a good time, and please extend a little help if you can.

Don, W3AZD and **Hope, WB3ANE**, will be at the Fowlfest. You may bring your completed applications and cards for DXCC or DXCC additional credit. Time permitting, Don has volunteered to check your cards and application, return the cards to you, and take your application back to Newington for processing. Also, Don is willing to take your outgoing DX QSLs for the Bureau. Follow standard outgoing Bureau procedures: be sure to securely package the cards, include \$1.00 per pound or fraction thereof, and your recent QST label.

Next PVRC Business Meeting will be Monday, September 14th at Paint Branch High School. We have several membership applications to vote on (K6IR + KA3PGL), will elect new officers, and plan for a winning contest season. You are encouraged volunteer to be an officer. Contact K3ZJ.

CQ Club Scores. At the May meeting there was discussion about PVRC's club score for the WPX contest obviously not reflecting some of its member's scores. Steve Bolia, N8BJQ, responded to my inquiry by checking the logs, and states that the three high PVRC scorers failed to note club competition for PVRC on their cover sheets! Please, don't forget! If you didn't this year, please write to Steve immediately to correct it. This year we have some real good scores, including three of the top four nationally for CW single op./all band (KT3Y, KC8C/3, & KM3T). Let's have all scores attributed to PVRC.

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CQ WPX SSB 1987 High Claimed Scores/Positions include the following nationally-ranked PVRCers.

Single Operator, All Band: 4th USA KC8C/3 (2,437,000)

" " " " 9th USA AI2C/4 (1,200,480)

" " 14 MHz.: 3rd USA W3USS (K3ZJ, op.) (1,957,725)

" " 3.5 MHz.: 6th USA W6AXX/3 (18,020)

Multi Operator, Multi Band : 3rd USA KC3EK (3,119,637)

(Also, doesn't count for PVRC, but in the DX single operator, all band category, out-of-area member Karl, K4YT/4F, ranked 9th.)

CQ 160 CW 1987: High Claimed Scores/Positions show only WB3JRU, operating W3LPL, placing from PVRC-land: 8th USA single operator (203,980). Good job, Bernie! No PVRCer placed in the SSB portion, perhaps because it was held the same weekend as the ARRL DX CW contest.

Letter has been received from K4FGO:

The Newsletter recently received quoting the letter written by Norton Richardson, W4KFT, brought back many memories. Norton, myself, his wife Sarah and my wife Ada were great friends during the war years and thereafter. I can remember Norton's effort to establish the PVRC. I also was one of the original members of the club. I remember Vic Clark, W4KFC, and Leonard Chertok, W3GRF, very well but there were other early members whom I do not recall. One of our early goals was to defeat the Frankford Club in contests. If I remember correctly, we did [just that] in the first one we entered.

It would be great to [hear] from the original members . . . for old times sake. I have not been too active in the past six years. However, I do have the equipment and all I need to do is to throw the switch.

Thank you so much for keeping me on the mailing list.

(Mel can be contacted at 505 Millbrook Rd., Raleigh, NC 27609)

Don Riebhoff Scholarship and book. The DX Bulletin reports that the ARRL Foundation has established the Don Riebhoff Memorial Fund to honor the memory of PVRCer K7ZZ/CT4AT. Reportedly more than \$2000 already has been donated. The fund will be used to award an annual scholarship when it reaches \$10,000. Tom Frenaye, K1KI, recently donated the proceeds (?) from his ZF2KI operation. Donations may be sent to the ARRL Foundation (tax-deductible), c/o ARRL Headquarters, Newington, CT 06111. Also, Chod Harris, VP2ML, editor of the DX Bulletin, has announced that he is writing a book about "Don's life" and will donate the proceeds to the memorial fund. He solicits "photos, anecdotes, stories, exploits, etc." of Don, or any of Don's operations. It's not known at this time whether the book will be X-rated. If you wish to help, contact Chod at 816 Fourth Street, Suite 1001, Santa Rosa, CA 95404.

Congratulations to Jim Talens, N3JT, the newly-elected president of the Greater Washington Chaverim Radio Club.

FOR SALE. Alpha 374 amplifier. 10-80 meters, complete with NO TUNING feature. Carton still sealed from recent factory servicing and installation of latest updates. Runs full legal power (three 8874's), and has tuned input for use with the new solid state transmitters. The most dependable amplifier available for sustained heavy use, as in contests. Reason for selling: just bought an Alpha 78 to have full power QSK CW. Price: \$1200.

Also: ICOM PS-55, 13.8 volt, 20 amp. power supply, as new with original packing and documentation. New cost \$180. at discount, Price: \$125.

Contact Dave K3ZJ (703) 938-1495 eves/weekends.

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CQ WW PVRC DXPEDITIONS. Jim has announced that he will be returning to HK0/N3JT, San Andres, for an all-band, single operator effort the CW weekend of CQ WW. Also, PVRcers N4TX and K4FJ are members of a group that will operate 8P9HR, multi-single, on CQ WW phone weekend. Any others?

Radiosporting's next issue will be "September", due out shortly. The last one was "May". Yuri reports problems with the changeover to a laser printer and his extra busy schedule as the reasons for the delay.

Propagation has been excellent as the sunspot cycle begins in climb upward. KH6BZF reports a daily sunspot peak of 119 on July 23 with quiet geomagnetic conditions. This resulted in excellent DX conditions. Solar Flux levels broke the 100 level on July 22 (106), peaked on July 23 (112), then slipped below 100 on July 28. By early August levels were back to the mid-to-high 70's, but as the new cycle strengthens, there will be continuing periods of increased activity, especially this autumn. Fifteen meters likely will provide good propagation beginning in September, and even some ten meter openings to Europe and JA are expected by the time of CQ WW.

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The Potomac Valley Radio Club meets on the second Monday of every month, September through May (except December), alternating between the south and north sides of the D.C. Beltway. The December meeting is a Christmas dinner held at a Washington-area restaurant. The June, July, and August meetings are informal social occasions held at a member's home.

N2FB/PVRC Packet Radio Controller for DX and Contest spotting operates on 145.59 MHz. Contact Wayne Hillenbrand at (301) 627-1166 for information. Many PVRcers also can be found on the K3WX 2-meter repeater, 147.00 (-).

Dues are \$10.00 per calendar year. Members of the same family receiving only one newsletter are free, after a one-time initiation fee of \$5.00. Members no longer living in the Washington - Baltimore PVRC contest area may pay an annual \$5.00 subscription fee to receive the newsletter. Non-members may purchase yearly subscriptions for \$10.00. All checks should be made payable to "PVRC" and mailed to the treasurer, Carl "Andy" Anderson, W3XE, at 14601 Claude Lane, Silver Spring, MD 20904. Membership or subscription status is on the mailing label each month. Questions should be directed to Andy at the above address, or at (301) 384-7771.

PVRC is affiliated with the American Radio Relay League (ARRL) and the Foundation for Amateur Radio (FAR). For information concerning contesting and Washington - Baltimore area Potomac Valley Radio Club, contact any of the officers listed on the first page of this newsletter, or write K3ZJ at 9763 Oleander Avenue, Vienna, VA 22180.

Articles Wanted. Have some tips for contesting, propagation, or other related subjects ? Interested in VHF contesting? This is your Newsletter -- please share your knowledge with other PVRCers. Just jot down a couple of paragraphs - or more if you want - and mail them to the Editor.

Bill Leonard, W2SKE, back in 1958 described contesting to the general audience of Sports Illustrated. Bill, later Vice-President of the news division for CBS, (and now retired in the D.C. area) worked with Buzz Reeves in creating the first multi-multi station, an event that led to establishment of this as a separate category in contests. Every contesteer will recognize some of the people and calls in this article, even almost 30 years later! This article, reproduced below, is the best overall general article on contesting that I have seen.

DIRECTIONS TO FOWLFEST

In case of inclement weather, check the PVRC/N2FB packet node on 145.59, 147.00 K3WX repeater, or 147.420 NCDXA simplex frequency; or, call (301) 630-5857 or 899-1235.

Capital Beltway to Exit 7 SOUTH (Route 5, Branch Avenue, to Waldorf).

Stay in right lane on exit, at 1st stoplight turn RIGHT onto Manchester.

Go one block, to end of road, turn RIGHT onto Old Branch Avenue.

Follow Old Branch Avenue around bend, at which point it becomes Henderson Road.

Continue on Henderson. After about one mile, road rises slightly, and bears to the right.

Halfway down the ensuing hill, take 1st RIGHT onto Huntland Road. QTH is 5803 Huntland Road, several houses up on the left. The towers are visible.

Assistance : try 147.00 (K3WX) repeater or 147.420 (NCDXA) simplex.

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SEND TO: Mike Colesante KC8C
5803 Huntland Road
Temple Hills, MD 20748

Send \$7.00 per person, ASAP, to Mike at the above address.
Make checks out directly to Mike Colesante.

\$ _____ enclosed for _____ reservations
_____ I volunteer to help cook the chicken

Name _____ call _____

Address _____ phone _____